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Sir:

In accordance with the NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES dated March 15, 2001, submitted herewith is a Statement to Support Filing and Submission in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825, a Sequence Listing, and a computer readable disk copy of the Sequence Listing.

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